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report containing general economic and sociological data on Sverdlovsk Oblast, Krasnoyarsk Kray, and Kazakh SSR. Included in the report is a description of a Regional Motor Transport Base at Kzyl-Orda (N 44-48, E 65-28). Atomic energy installations at Krasnoyarsk (N 56-02, E 92-48) and Nizhniy Tagil (N 57-54, E 60-00) are referred to briefly.

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A. PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL SITUATION
(As of 1955)

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Sugar Ration for Political Deportees

Political deportees received $\frac{1}{2}$ kilogram of sugar per capita twice yearly on 1 May and on 27 November.

Mood of the Population

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• The Soviet peasants gave the impression of being discontent, apathetic, and frightened. But for all the antipathy they feel toward the regime, they dare not criticize it. Those among them who appeared to be in a better mood and more satisfied were those

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who belonged to the party and those who had never had an opportunity to compare their own status with that of people in other countries.

Salaries

Salaries are not very high. Skilled workers receive 700-800 rubles per month.

Crime

Robberies and armed assaults are frequent and occur even in population centers. Delinquency is a natural result of the prevailing political education, which is devoid of moral and religious restraints. There are more than a few cases of attempted carnal violence on the part of youths, even minors. At Krasnoyarsk, a girl was strangled when she resisted a group of youths, and at the Kurbatovo Kolkhoz, where the source used to work, some students of the seasonal labor brigades raped a girl student. Despite the complaints made by the girl's parent, the affair was hushed up because, apparently, one of the ringleaders was the son of one of the most influential members of the local section of the party.

Prostitution

The effects of Soviet materialistic education and of the destruction of family affection are felt in the moral and social fields. Prostitution is widespread, although it is not officially approved of.

Taxes and Withholdings

A worker who earns over 700 rubles per month must subscribe to the national loan at the rate of 6 percent of his pay each month. Workers with children are exempted from this obligation.

Another withholding is the income tax, which is established at 25 rubles for any worker who earns about 600 rubles per month. Actually, of a gross monthly pay of 700 rubles, the worker retains only 510 rubles, after adding his labor union and party dues to the abovementioned withholdings.

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Medical and Dental Care

Medical and dental care is free of charge. However, anyone who wants a dental gold prosthesis must supply the necessary gold to the dentist.

Malversation

Cases of speculation are frequent and almost tolerated. Even the authorities, who are themselves not averse to committing acts detrimental to the state, are not too efficient in the financial control of enterprises. At Kepetova (in the Ukraine), it was known to all that the local miller used to sell flour illegally and no one ever punished him for this activity.

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He left a very good impression of himself, especially with regard to the economic policy which he initiated in favor of the less wealthy.

Church and Clergy

It is not forbidden to go to church. Religion is practiced to a limited extent because the party tries to make people forget it by discrediting it. The clergy is not independent because it is administered by the state, which practically holds it in its fist: it may be said that in the USSR even the clergy is in the service of the state.

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This is known as the kolkhoz of Kurbatov,⁰ after the name of the district in which it is located. It is located about 5 kilometers south of the town. 25X1

The area under cultivation amounts to about 25 square kilometers.

The kolkhoz comes under the jurisdiction of the local branch of the state agricultural organization.

The kolkhoz is run by the following personnel: a president, a brigade leader, a book-keeper, a store keeper, and overseer, and two drivers. Some of them were disabled war veterans.

At planting and harvest time, students and office workers, including women are recruited; the latter normally work in other, nonagricultural state enterprises. Since their training in agriculture is limited and superficial, they take lessons in which they are taught cultivation, harvesting, threshing, etc. Large amounts of money are spent for this training.

Seasonal workers receive one kilogram of bread per capita daily.

The kolkhoz receives its seed supplies from the state agricultural organization, to which it later delivers its products in amounts proportionate to the amount of seed received. In connection with this there are preestablished quotas which must be fulfilled under any circumstances.

It often happens that production exceeds the preestablished quotas because of the richness of the soil and despite the very bad treatment it received from inexperienced and listless hands. In such case the management of the kolkhoz knows what to do: it delivers only the required amounts and retains the surplus for itself.

The kolkhoz has tractors, plows, and all other technical means needed. These implements become inoperative in just a few years, owing to the fact that they receive no care.

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Those who run the kolkhoz steal to an excessive extent. Despite the fact that percentage bonuses are provided for high productivity, the manager and the members prefer to take care of themselves, to a very generous extent, instead of waiting for the promised bonus for economy and productivity.

[redacted] a gross monthly pay of 700 rubles, reduced to 510 after withholdings.

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The kolkhoz produces barley, oats, sunflowers, potatoes, carobs, poppies, and resin.

The personnel of every kolkhoz are under the care of a physician who provides treatments and medicines free of charge. Anyone who requires hospitalization does not pay for it, but anyone who is sick at home must pay a small fee to the physician, who, after his regular work for the state, can practise privately at night.

II. INDUSTRY

I. SOVIET WAR INDUSTRY

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Atomic Plant (Atom Zavod) at Krasnoyarsk (as of 1955)

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[redacted] The following information is based on hearsay, not on direct observation.)

The plant is a veritable small city occupying a very large area where atomic studies are known to be conducted.

The plant is located no more than 12 kilometers from the city [redacted]

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The personnel employed at the plant came from various cities of the USSR. The plant employs about 5,000 persons.

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Atomic Research Institute at Nizhny Taghil (as of 1954) VII

It is not actually certain whether this is an atomic study and experimentation center or a plant producing atomic machinery.

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The plant is located in a wooded area.

Construction work on the plant was done by political exiles who upon completion of the project were sent to areas from which they can never leave.

Self-Propelled Combine Plant at Krasnoyarsk (as of 1955) XI

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The plant is located near the main railroad station. It employs about 10,000 workers and produces agricultural machinery and artillery.

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Arms and Artillery Plant at Irbit (as of 1951)

Located almost in the center of town.

Tractor and Tank Plant (Traktori Zavod) at Stalingrad (as of 1953) VI

This is the same plant which was destroyed during the war and has since been completely rebuilt.

The plant is located about 12 kilometers from the city, toward the north beyond Martinovski suburb, where the blast furnaces of the local foundry are visible.

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Plant No 25 at Irbit (as of 1951) VIII

Located at the center of the city. It employs about 2,500 workers and produces light and medium-sized 3-ton trucks.

Plant Producing Special Wood for Aircraft Construction at Tavda (as of October 1951)

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Located about 3 kilometers from Tavda. It employs about 10,000 workers. It processes and produces a special, very hard wood called "Delta," used in constructing aircraft cock-pits.

Cellulose Plant at Turinsk (as of 1945 [sic]) VIII

Turinsk is located between Irbit and Tavda.

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Metallurgical Center at Taghil and Nizhny Taghil (as of 1953) VIII

Among the existing plants there is an aircraft plant. At Nizhny Taghil (Lower Taghil) there is also a large foundry.

Transfer of War Plants from Barnaul to Tiksi (as of 1942-1943) IX

Some war plants were transferred to Tiksi during World War II.

2. SOVIET CIVILIAN INDUSTRY

Krasnoyarsk Industrial Suburb (as of 1955) XI

The major industrial plants are located in the Slobina area.

Motorcycle Plant at Irbit (as of 1952) VIII

This is a large plant producing large cylinder-displacement motorcycles. It is equipped with machinery.

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Plant Producing Radio Cabinets at Potma (as of 1953) VII

Located on the outskirts of the city.

E. MOTIVE POWER

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Hydroelectric Plant at Krasnoyarsk (as of 1956) XI

Under construction since the beginning of 1956. It has three feeding points, as follows:

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1. The first, perhaps the largest, is located ⁴⁰ 12 kilometers south of the city, along the ^{Enisey} ~~Enisey~~ River. *OK*

2. The second is located at Porok (where there are large waterfalls), about 200 kilometers north of Krasnoyarsk. *Dubious*

3. The third is even farther north, at the confluence of the Angara and ^{Enisey} ~~Enisey~~ rivers. *Yenisei - This is OK*

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Regional Motor Transport Base (Oblastnaya Baza) at Kzyl-Orda

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A corporal of the transport company receives 600-800 rubles per month for an unestablished total number of daily working hours.

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Unidentified infantry unit at Ksyl Orda in 1953. Billeted in barracks located near the public market, near the Sirdaria river. Commanded by a lieutenant colonel. ~~there are~~ about three hundred men strong. (Note: reportedly there are no other military personnel there; it is particularly ruled out that there are any armored force units)

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